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SAN DIEGO
TICKET

A federal judge in San Diego Monday sentenced an Argentine citizen to six years in prison for his part in an airline ticket scheme that could have cost air carriers millions of dollars.

Jorge Gustavo Kraiselburg, 37, was sentenced to prison by U.S. District Judge Judith N. Keep on five counts of mail fraud.

The charges involved \$1,300 blank airline tickets and a travel agency ticket validating machine Kraiselburg took from Filipina's Travel Agency after he promised to buy the San Diego business in 1981. Kraiselburg left San Diego with the tickets and machine without paying for the agency.

Kraiselburg was arrested in Missoula, Mont., and had been kept in custody in San Diego for 23 months.

Some of the tickets had been used before Kraiselburg was arrested. Air carriers could have been bilked out of as much as \$60 million had all the tickets been used.

Keep said she did not take into consideration Kraiselburg's claims he had links to the Central Intelligence Agency when she imposed the sentence.

Kraiselburg said he had information that could lead to the indictment of several other people in the scheme, but action was delayed by the Justice Department because of foreign policy considerations involving CIA activities in Central America.

Defense attorney Clyde Munsell Monday gave Keep an affidavit involving Kraiselburg's alleged offer to fly to Italy to help track down kidnapped U.S.

Army general James L. Dozier in 1981.

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Assistant U.S. Attorney Judith F. Hayes portrayed Kraiselburg as a con man attempting to strike a deal with the government.

Keep said from the bench that while Kraiselburg's past was mysterious, his involvement in the airline ticket fraud was certain.